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<b>Art Unit</b>	<b>2141</b>
<b>Examiner Name</b>	<b>K. D. Shingles</b>
<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	<b>NIT-332</b>

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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- a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
  - ii.  Other
- b.  Enclosed
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  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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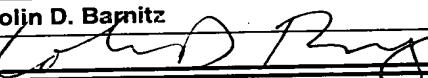
2. **Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed. **01-09-2006 JADDO1 00000070 10082326**  
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  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other
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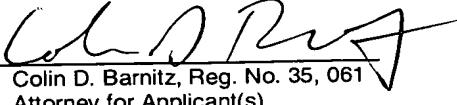
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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